

FRENCH INDO-CHINA

veins. The building of roads and an improved navigation of the partially diverted it away from Siam and towards the

The year 1926 marked the highest price brought by tin, although the continued throughout the succeeding years, to be followed by a decline. A study of the situation made by *ISIndochine* how much ignorance existed in France about the Indo-tin situation. The public should realize that tin is known to in only certain specified areas, and in only one province of Laos—that of Gammon. All other tin mines are uncertain, and especially for the investor since no control exists on the Bourse to prevent speculation. The existing Indo-Chinese tin mines have a real importance from the world market viewpoint. The founded on the colony's tin, especially in 1929, when it rubber in popular favour, have unjustly discredited the industry. In addition there are the customary drawbacks of transportation and an unhealthy climate. The market will naturally continue to control Indo-tin. The future looks bright because of the relative scarcity. The tin-producing countries—Bolivia, Malaya, Siam, the Indies, and Nigeria—control 90 per cent of the world. In 1929, at London, they formed themselves into the Tin Association, and agreed to restrict their production. This the Byrne Plan, and it reduced tin output from 15 to 30 per cent. The fairly successful, and Indo-China has by the rise in price without having curtailed her

Tin has not ceased to increase despite the
depression for tin not from the same causes of
permanent decline at The agreement was renewed in
December 1936. abandoned by the Chinese were situated
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twentieth century by the French. In 1902 the Mines Service
some important zinc mines were
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which
the War, Before 1914, what zinc was mined was
Id was the principal buyer. The War,
if it had in *Htm* situation, cut off **this** Western
market,
of war industries in Japan
opened up a
of for **&*** **abac.** Since 1917
Revolution in
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